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MORE THAN TWO MILLION MOBILIZE FOR ACTION

ASSOCIATION PLANS NATION-WIDE REVIVAL

Gospel Message To Be Carried To Population Centers

Chicago, Monday, May 3—While it is impossible to forecast in detail the actions which will be taken at the Convention regarding evangelistic effort, advance agreement among the leaders is evident on the major plan which will be proposed in the Work-Study group Tuesday and Wednesday. This calls for immediate and country-wide preparations for cooperative evangelistic efforts on a scale not witnessed in many years.

The discussions will include methods for more adequate preparation for such major campaigns by the instruction of large groups of personal workers over a period of many weeks in advance of the meetings, and the actual use of these workers in house-to-house visitation, prayer group leadership and street meetings.

It is believed that the Committee on Evangelism, to be appointed, will institute a nation-wide survey and evolve a plan of "attack" which will have the characteristics of a long-range military campaign.

A spokesman has pointed out the urgent need of discovering men of evangelistic gifts to lead these efforts. Even now at least one great institute is preparing advanced courses in evangelism with the hope of developing the talents so greatly needed in the church if there is to be a great forward movement spiritually.

Mr. Harold J. Ockenga is scheduled to bring a special message at the opening of the Monday afternoon session at which he will outline some of the tentative plans which have been discussed in meetings of the Executive Committee during the past few months.

BACH WILL LEAD MISSIONS GROUP

Chicago, May 3,—Dr. T. J. Bach, Chairman of the Temporary Committee on Foreign Missions, will lead the discussions of that Committee in its Work-Study Group sessions at the Chicago Convention. Director of The Scandinavian Alliance Mission, he has met with executives of several of the mission boards during the past months.

Representatives of more than a score of mission boards will devote their attention to these problems on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning. The sessions will be

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THE TWENTIETH CENTURY CHURCH

The 20th Century Church has streamlined its architecture in defiance of church tradition. Does it streamline its message in defiance of God's Word?

EDITOR ACTS ON RECOMMENDATION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO EXPAND EDITORIAL PROGRAM

Subject To Ratification of Committee, Evangelical Action Becomes Weekly Publication With This Issue

To date "United Evangelical Action" has necessarily limited itself for the promotion of the National Association of Evangelicals for United Action. At the same time it has been greatly handicapped by inadequate personnel and by limited funds.

Believing that the Constitutional Convention should mark the beginning of an expanded publication program the Executive Committee authorized the editor to formulate a definite editorial and business policy for ratification.

New Plan Sets Up Adequate Editorial and Business Staff

Weeks of prayerful consideration have resulted in a workable plan whereby "United Evangelical Action" promises to become a national newspaper covering the entire field of evangelical journalism.

The plan calls for the immediate establishing of Editorial Offices at 120 Tremont Street, Boston, Massachusetts, with the Editor assuming full responsibility for a weekly featuring up-to-the-minute Evangelical news, stimulating feature articles and inspiring messages from United Action leaders.

The plan likewise calls for the immediate establishing of business offices at 2628 Gibbs Avenue, N. E., Canton, Ohio. An experienced Christian advertising man has been led to assume the full business management of this publication in addition to his duties as Advertising Manager of one of America's largest industrial plants.

Public Is Assured of Choice Reading and National Distribution

This Convention edition is a foretaste of what may well be expected in the coming issues. To our readers we promise the finest of Christian literature. To our advertisers we promise a rapidly increasing subscription list with a minimum circulation of ten thousand copies per week.

Although "United Evangelical Action" will be supported by regular subscribers and advertisers, conservative busi-

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Over Four Hundred Delegates Officially Represent Leading Church Groups. Every Section of Country Rallies to the Call for United Action.

Chicago, Ill., Tuesday, May 4.—The roster of delegates at the great Constitutional Convention of United Evangelical Action reads like Who's Who in American Religious Work. More than two hundred early arrivals were recorded on Monday. Although the formal business sessions did not open until this morning there were several committee meetings on Monday.

The Executive Committee met at 4:00 p. m. and approved many recent applications for membership. It also considered, tentatively, plans for getting into action on many fronts at the earliest moment possible following the convention.

The first of the Monday sessions was a meeting at 2:30 p. m. of the Chairmen of the various denominational delegations at which plans were developed for special denominational group meetings as the convention progresses. Many of these groups will meet on Wednesday at 6:00 p. m. for dinner conferences.

In the evening the delegates were divided into several groups and spent the entire evening in prayer. The Executive Committee and the Advisory Committee also met in the evening in special session to consider and pray together regarding the affairs of the work. There is an atmosphere of intense expectation that great things are about to happen.

Among the hundreds registered in addition to those noted as missionary or educational leaders are: Dr. H. O. Anderson, San Bernardino, Calif.; Rev. J. E. Austell, Littleton, Colo.; Rev. Martin L. Ball, Pittsfield, Mass.; Mr. Calvin B. Barker, Worcester, Mass.; Rev. Arthur F. Berg, Sioux Falls, S. D.; Rev. E. W. Bethany, Spartansburg, S. C.; Rev. Myron F. Boyd, Seattle, Wn.; Dr. John W. Bradbury, New York City; Rev. Sam Bradford, Denver, Colo.; Rev. Wallace S. Bragg, Okmulgee, Okla.; Rev. W. W. Breckbill, Altoona, Pa.; Rev. A. L. Brown, Winona Lake, Ind.; Rev. Vincent Brushwyler, Muscatine, Iowa; Rev. Hollis A. Burge, Muskogee, Okla.; Dr. Herbert Burgess, Los Angeles, Calif.; Rev. David Burris, Hot Springs, Ark.; Rev. E. C. Clark, Cleveland, Tenn.; Prof. Lloyd C. Clark, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Dr. William G. Coltman, Highland Park, Mich.; Rev. E. A. Cooper, Toronto, Canada; Rev. J. D. Courtney, Greenville, S. C.; Rev. John Currie, Lynn, Mass.; Mr. J. M. Daniels, Greenville, Ill.; Rev. F. D. Davis, Fort Worth, Texas; Dr. R. L. Decker, Ft. Collins, Colo.; Rev. C. V. Egemeier, Chicago, Ill.; Bishop C. V. Fairbairn, McPhearson, Kans.;

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U. S. CHRISTIAN COMMISSION TO BE REVIVED

Evangelicals Will Man Staff To Preach Gospel To Service Men and Women

Chicago, May 3.—It is rumored among the early comers to the Consututional Convention that there will be little delay in opening a well staffed office in Washington, D. C., which will have a department related to foreign missionary interests and another to care for the various war services in which the organization may have an important part. That there is great need of a co-ordinating agency in behalf of many of the smaller denominational groups in relation to chaplaincy matters has been made plain by conferences with Washington officials. At the present time there are at least thirteen offices maintained by denominational or interchurch groups for the purpose of providing chaplains, but in spite of this there are still many organizations not satisfactorily represented.

A new problem has arisen with the induction into the service of so many thousands of young women. As yet there are no adequate agencies to care for their social or spiritual needs.

The first Christian Commission was organized during the Civil war and had as its sponsors many of the eminent spiritual leaders of that day, such as Dwight L. Moody, John Wanamaker, Henry Clay Trumbull, and others. During the war, nearly five million dollars was raised and expended in providing spiritual and material comfort for the soldiers. The organization was disbanded at the close of the war. Captain John F. B. Carruthers, formerly chaplain of the Battleship Oklahoma in World War I, is taking an active part in the reorganization of this Commission. He will preside at the special work-study group on war services at the Chicago convention. The discussion will center around the proposed activities of United Evangelical Action in connection with the war effort.

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John A. Huffman—Editor

When Can We Exped Free Radio Time?

There is much confusion in the minds of the public over the question of sustaining (or free) time over the national radio networks for religious broadcasting. Some are blaming the Federal Council and the broadcasting companies because of the present condition. But there are other factors which have contributed to the present situation. Without question most of the time now allotted for Protestant broadcasts goes to speakers of modernist or liberal viewpoint. The use of the radio for the spread of infidelity is one of the serious situations which we are facing.

We suggest, however, that neither the Federal Council nor the broadcasting companies are as much to blame as the evangelicals for this unsatisfactory condition.

Many years ago one of the networks appealed to the Federal Council, as the representative of Protestantism, to provide a regular program. The approach, as we understand it, was made by the broadcasting company rather than the Council. That was the beginning of an arrangement which has developed into a virtual monopoly. The Federal Council has only accepted the privileges offered, as any organization would be likely to do.

It is entirely understandable that the broadcasting companies believe that the Federal Council represents Protestantism because it is the only organization (up to the present time) which has represented any considerable portion of the Protestant denominations. Whenever another organization is authorized to speak for any considerable portion of the Protestant groups, we believe they will receive fair treatment.

We must realize the problems of the broadcasting companies in the allotment of free time. The Catholic and Jewish organizations present fewer complications but in the case of Protestants there are at least 260 denominations to be considered. To give time to each would be impossible. Therefore, the broadcasting companies must favor organizations which number their constituencies in millions rather than thousands. Also, these constituencies must be scattered over the area served by the networks. Even the great Southern Baptist Convention, which speaks for 5,000,000, cannot get time over N.B.C. or the Blue Network because its great membership is limited to one section of the country and the trunk lines are so set up that it is impossible to select those states without tying up the lines to the rest of the nation.

United Evangelical Action would like a sustaining coast-to-coast program. We are not entitled to it, and we certainly have no intention of asking for it until we can go to the broadcasting companies and inform them that our constituency numbers several millions and that it is generally scattered over the nation.

Petitions that we be given time because we are an unvoiced minority would be worse than useless. There are hundreds of unvoiced minorities in the country but they cannot, obviously, all be heard over these national channels. If a few hundred thousand evangelicals are entitled to free time so are an equal number of Seventh Day Adventists, Mormons, and Christian Scientists. If there is virtue in the argument that minorities should be heard then even those which are weak numerically are entitled to consideration, including Jehovah's Witnesses, Spiritualists, Buddhists and countless other cults and isms.

Friendly relations have been established by United Evangelical Action with the executives of the networks. In good time we will ask for a national program and we will be granted it without fuss and feathers because the size of our constituency will justify it. We need no pressure group or petitions to enforce our request.

A WORD About The TREASURER

Mr. J. Willison Smith, Jr., of Philadelphia was elected to the office of Secretary of N.A.E.U.A. at the September meeting of the Executive Committee. Time has proved the wisdom of this choice, as he has rendered very valuable service to the movement in many ways.

Mr. Smith was born in Philadelphia and has been a lifelong resident of the city and its suburbs. He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, Wharton and Law Schools, and is a partner in the well-known law firm of Powell and Smith. He is married (Elizabeth M. Kennedy, September 20, 1930) but has no children.

His responsibilities in Christian work are many and varied. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Norristown, Pa., a member of the Board of Directors of the Brotherhood Mission, the Bible Institute of Pennsylvania, the Board of Trustees of The Williamson Free School of Mechanical Trades, and Vice-President of Bible Magazine, Inc., publishers of REVELATION.

He is giving much time just now to the legal details of the constitution of United Evangelical Action and its incorporation, as legal counsel of the movement. At the Chicago convention his duties will be important and arduous.

PRAYER GIVEN FIRST PLACE IN CONVENTION PLANS

Attendants at the St. Louis Convention attributed the manifest spirit of Christian tolerance, sympathetic understanding and spiritual oneness to the fact that the convention was baptised in prayer.

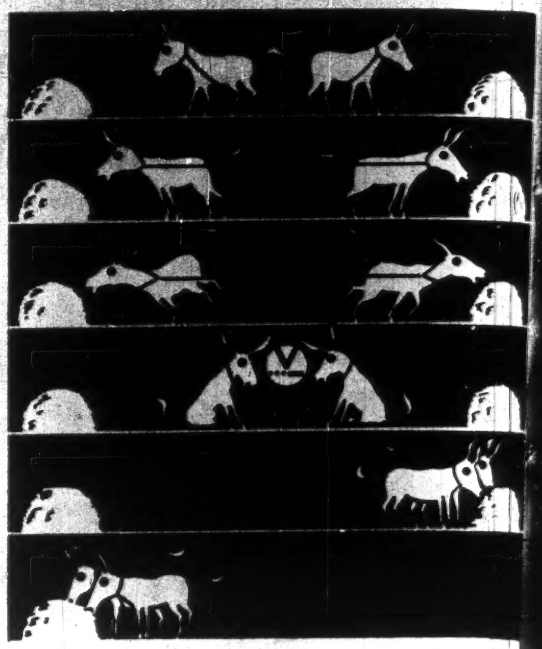
One who has since become a most enthusiastic advocate of "United Evangelical Action" said on Tuesday morning of last year's convention "after a season of intercession such as we evidenced last night this movement cannot fail in the accomplishment of its God given task."

The one outstanding emphasis of the National Association of Evangelicals for United Action has been prevailing prayer for a nation-wide revival which must begin in the hearts of Bible Christians everywhere. This procedure of giving prayer first place has been the Spirit directed policy in all sessions from the original St. Louis Convention down to the Regional and District gatherings.

Once again leaders of United Evangelical Action have felt the power of united petition as the Constitutional Convention delegates have felt the melting and moving of the Holy Spirit in the quiet place of prayer.

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7: 14.

"United Action" In A Nut-Shell



SCANDINAVIAN ALLIANCE IS FOUNDED ON FUNDAMENTALS OF THE FAITH

DR. T. J. BACH
Secretary of Scandinavian Alliance

The Scandinavian Alliance Mission of North America is an interdenominational missionary society founded on the principles of faith. It is evangelical and evangelistic. It stands for the Deity and atoning death of the Lord Jesus Christ, Who is revealed and proclaimed as the world's only Saviour and Lord, and for the final authority of the Holy Scriptures as the rule of faith and practice. Its workers and missionaries are accepted without restriction as to denomination and irrespective of nationality, provided there is soundness in their faith in all fundamental truths.

Its missionaries now number over one hundred and eighty, and are laboring in the fields of Africa, China, India, Japan, Mongolia, South America and the Netherlands West Indies. There are also some five hundred native workers. According to the last year's report, there were over a thousand baptisms and additions to the churches during the past year.

The Scandinavian Alliance Mission, as a faith Mission, is entirely dependent upon the gifts of God's people for the support of its missionaries who are individually supported by churches, societies or individuals.

The mission has Missionary Savings Banks which are given free of charge to individuals, families, or church organizations that will receive and use them for the Lord's work carried on through The Scandinavian Alliance Mission. It will appreciate hearing from anyone desiring a Missionary Savings Bank, or from any group desiring a number of them.

For further information send for leaflets and sample literature to The Scandinavian Alliance Mission, 2239 McLean Avenue, Chicago.

IN MEMORIAM to Dr. Robert J. Bateman

Our First Vice President who passed away Sunday, April 18th, in his home at Memphis, Tennessee. His loss is keenly felt by Evangelicals everywhere.

CHRIST FOR AMERICA

President Ockenga Declares That the Price of Spiritual Victory May Be the Sacrifice of Substance, Position and Life

One year and one month ago, at the Coronado Hotel in St. Louis, Mo., a convention of one hundred and seventy Christian leaders commissioned nine men with a great task. We are gathered here to fulfilment of that commission to examine the degree of success accomplishment and to take steps toward the permanent expression of the movement represented by it.

We live in a day of emerging leadership. At times, men have acted from principles based on a world view or a weltanschauung. Today, such world views are largely absent from social movements and human leaders are taking their place in the demand on the loyalties of men. Men no longer have a map to tell them the direction of their travel. They are in a fog—lost. Whenever a man appears who says, "I know the way—follow me; I will lead you out!" multitudes fall in line. We who are met here do not accept this philosophy. We have a weltanschauung—truly one much opposed to the other views which still survive, but a powerful and a sufficient ground for our action. That world-view binds us together. Men cannot otherwise be united.

We also have a Leader, One who takes our absolute loyalty. Who knows the way, Who will lead us out of the fog and mist? Our Leader is Christ — the Incomparable One. This movement is and must continue to be identified with Him. Hence, human leadership will change from year to year, but the movement will go on.

ALL U. S. SURVEYED

For those temporary leaders charged with the conduct of this cause, during the last year, I must now report, for it is my privilege and responsibility to be their servant. We believe that we have been true to the men of St. Louis. We have carried the vision of United Evangelical Action to the Christian leaders of the nation. We have informed them of what had been done and what is yet to be done.

Moreover, we steadfastly emphasized the positive approach to the problems of the crisis hour. We have refused to enter controversy but in the face of open attack. The task has been no easy one.

It has been a herculean undertaking — in writing, visiting, travel, answering invitations, organizing and speaking innumerable people. Personally, I have traveled through thirty-four states and have been absent from my local work for ten weeks. This has not been an unmixed blessing. If I speak of what I have seen and experienced you will understand that all has grown from this United Evangelical Action work.

FINDINGS ENLARGE PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

As a by-product of our promotion of United Evangelical Action we have been enabled to visit concentrations of soldiers, to witness tremendous developments in industry, ship-building, farming, amusements, and vice. We have seen the ravages of liquor and at first-hand we have been confronted with the task which is facing the nation in its war effort. Simultaneously there has been impressed upon us the transition to the air age. At times, necessity has dictated that we have air transportation and it is obvious that great distances have been cut to almost nothing. One can fly from San Diego to Pensacola without ever being out of sight of an air field. We now have hundreds of thousands of trained pilots in our armed forces, young men who will return to civilian life with the desire of continuing their skill of flying. As a nation we are turning out sixty-five hundred fighting planes a month. This capacity will be largely increased and certainly will not be abandoned at the close of the war. I have found that it has been possible to be in Cuba one day, to speak twice on the same day in different cities and to arrive at my own office in Boston the next morning at 10:30. I have been able by the absence of a few days from my own desk on one extreme coast line of America to make a half dozen addresses in a great city on another coast line of America. A license has just been taken out by a new air company called Northeastern to give ferry service from Boston to London overnight and with twenty-four hours to Moscow. It is perfectly feasible for people now to be spending their week ends in Europe instead of in the mountains or at the seashore.

Along with these vast changes which are taking place in our nation we witnessed a disposition on the part of Christians to cooperate in an attempt to match in spiritual undertaking what is going on materially in the nation and in the world. Christian leaders everywhere are conscious that the church and our spiritual development is being outstripped by material and ideological matters. They are waiting for the clear cut, definite, sane and progressive leadership which can inaugurate a new era for Christian influence and effectiveness. The time has come when the Christian Church has before it an unparalleled opportunity for United Evangelical Action.

AMERICA WILL DETERMINE WORLD DESTINY

Certain convictions have impressed themselves upon me in this contact with our nation. I believe that the United States of America has been assigned a destiny comparable to that of ancient Israel which was favored, preserved, endowed, guided and used of God. Historically, God has prepared this nation with a vast and united country, with a population drawn from innumerable blood streams, with a wealth which is unequaled, with an ideological strength drawn from the traditions of classical and radical philosophy, with a government held accountable to law, as no other government except Israel has ever been, and with an enlightenment in the minds of the average citizen which is the climax of social development.

PRESIDENT DR. H. J. OCKENGA
Author of this inspiring message to the Constitutional Convention.

WE ARE FACING AN ACCOUNTING

Had we time to enlarge upon these various blessings given to us by the infinite Creator in His good providence, we could well have a thanksgiving address. But God must have had some purpose in so preserving this country through the Renaissance, the Reformation and the enlightenment until the persecuted minorities of Europe might find it as a haven for their new life based upon evangelical Christian principles. God must have had a purpose in forging one great, united nation out of all these strains of population and thought. God must have had a purpose in giving primarily to evangelical Protestantism the historic leadership of this great nation. That purpose unquestionably was the intention to diffuse the knowledge of God and truth through the Gospel unto the world. Apparently the last great privilege of ministering to mankind was committed to this particular nation. That is a tremendous responsibility for which we are answerable. We have the enlightenment. We have the historical tradition. We have the material means. We have the leadership. We have everything which is necessary in order to evangelize the world. Now we have entered into our maturity and we are facing an accounting for that destiny. If America fails to discharge its responsibility darkness must ensue.

This nation in its maturity is passing through a crisis which is enmeshing western civilization. Confusion exists on every hand. We are living in a very difficult and bewildering time, but few people realize what a tremendous change we are now undergoing. This war is the demarkation line. In fact, the change will take place during the war and will be speeded up with war measures and pressures, so much so that this war may aptly be called "world revolution." The only comparison with the ideaological war that has undergirded and caused this World War II in the whole history of mankind is the disintegration and fall of the Roman Empire. The change which took place at that time could be observed only through the periscope of the years as it was a process of centuries, but the old system of ruling changed. The religious cult with its gods and sacrificial rites came to an abrupt end. A new era started with unknown systems and life values. Certainly the fall of the Roman Empire was a total change of world conditions seldom recognized and valued as such by historians.

Personally, we would connect this fall of Rome with the entry of Christ upon the scene of world history. He alone marks the division of the ages and he was the inaugurator of the new era. Yet that very era which Christ inaugurated by His teaching and deeds is now drawing to an end. It seems that it has lost its anchorage around the person of Christ. Western civilization which was built directly upon Christian principles apparently is nearing its end. When Christ began His teachings He announced again and again, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." This kingdom is now coming to an end. "The kingdom of hell is at hand" would be a more fitting topic announcing the things that seem to be coming to pass.

The hour has arrived when the people of this nation must "think deeply or be damned." We must examine our direction, our condition and our destiny. We must recognize that we are standing at the crossroads and that there are only two ways that lie open before us. One is the road of the rescue of western civilization by a re-emphasis on and revival of evangelical Christianity. The other is a return to the Dark Ages of heathendom which powerful force is emerging in every phase of world life today.

EVANGELICALS CHALLENGED TO MAINTAIN LEADERSHIP

Yet in the midst of such a crisis I would like to prophesy certain things about America. It is my earnest conviction that under this trial by fire with the death of hundreds of thousands of our young men, the destruction of billions of dollars in resources, with the physical hunger likely to meet our entire population, with a possible epidemic of deadly disease and with the increasing crisis, there will be an emergent tide of latent common sense, faith, vision and Christian outlook. We believe that America will again think of her origin, destiny and way of life. We will revaluate our actions and our standards. Suffering will revive the Christian spirit. Evidence of this has already appeared in several movements of our day. My attention was called to one recently which began its announcement, "We are not fundamentalists. We accept all the results of modern criticism concerning the Bible. But we also are returning to the literal resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ." Men recognize that they must get back to evangelical Christianity even though they are loath to accept the forms and categories thereof. History and crisis will drive them to this result.

America not only will survive this war, but will emerge chastened, serious as to government, religion and morals and ready for an advance under the proper type of leadership. The present indifference to God and Christianity, the indulgence in the flesh, the influence of secularism we believe will pass. Some one must be ready to step into that open door. If Protestantism continues as it has continued for more than three decades, with internicean strife and division the opportunity will go unseized or else the door will be entered by some ritualistic branch of Christendom that is already menacing the security of evangelical Christianity.

It is up to us to make sure that the Christian Church will return to a new leadership, producing statesmen for our governmental circles, influencing education and rebuilding the foundations of society. I suggest to you that the alternative is not pleasant to contemplate.

THE CRISIS OF CIVILIZATION

A profound impression has recently been made upon the sociallogical thinkers of this nation by the book of Peterim Sorokin of Harvard entitled, "The Crisis of Our Age." Sorokin is committed to what is called the cyclical theory of history or what Oswald Spengler described as morphilogical history. He believes that history moves in great cycles and describes the various emergent cultures, their flourishing period and their decay. Much evidence may be brought from Egypt, Nineveh, Babylon, Greece, Rome and even the west to support this particular theory. Sorokin says that we are in the greatest crisis of eight hundred years. We have passed through the ideational, the idealistic and are now in what is called the sensate or the decadent period of our age. This is manifested in materialistic relativism in the realm of politics, educaiton, religion and sociology. The brilliant professor suggests that our day sees the last oblique rays of the setting sun which must emerge upon a new day or era, but that it is certain that our era is drawing to an end. He backs his conclusions by tremendous evidence drawn from his studies over the years in sociology. He is only one of many voices being raised among us in our crisis.

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CHRIST FOR AMERICA

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CIVILIZATION IS PASSING THEOUGH SPIRITUAL CRISIS

That we are passing through such a crissi in civilization is evident in the philosophic world. Absolute materialism has been ruling the realm of education for several decades. It has ruled out all thought of the supernatural, all of the Christian tradition about God, Christ, salvation, ethics and history as superstition. Man has been considered nothing but conditioned reflexes and very few educators have been willing to jeopardize their reputation in the scientific and educational world by affirming their adherence to the Christian tradition. A notable exception to this is H. H. Horn of New York University. Yet the reaction against this souless, materialistic, naturalistic emphasis in the educational world has been seen in what is called the Catholic revival. Men and women have been disillusioned about the belief that man is essentially good, that this is a good world and that all is working toward progress. We have come to see that man is a brute full of sin and that something more is needed than a trust in the inherent goodness of man. Therefore, they are turning to the one source today which gives an external authority and claims to meditate between the soul and the absolute, namely Roman Catholic. Though it may be by ritual and sacraments, nevertheless it has an appeal unto the minds of men. The very fact, that the best seller for five months in the major cities of America has been a novel based upon supernaturalism connected with the mystical elements of The Robe of the Christ and written by Lloyd Douglas is another evidence of this revolt against the naturalism of our day.

REVIVAL OF HEATHENDOM IS IN EVIDENCE

The fruit of such banishing of God from our society is now evident in the world. Without God, man or society is without hope. We flounder in thought and action. We recognize that there is no value in democracy without a Christian condition to undergird it. We have come to the realization that man must rule or be ruled and if he has lost the moral fiber, the internal standards, in order to rule himself, then the only alternative is an authoritative rule from above. Hence, on the decaying ruins of western civilization have risen such systems as Naziism, Fascism, Communism and other ideologies challenging democracy for world rulership. This could never come to pass had we clung to the belief in God, for each of these theories is fundamentally built upon the denial of the Christian tradition.

In our day we have witnessed the revival of heathendom. Once western civilization was built upon Christian tradition. Now it has been divoreed from its moorings. The heart of western civilization today is heathen rather than Christian. We have seen an emergence of a new set of gods who have taken the place of absolute Jehovah revealed through the Lord Jesus Christ. Those gods consist of blood, power, sex, money, hunger, strong men, and strong weapons. They are worshipped by the masses. Men say, "Why should we have God any more when we have a strong navy, an army and the world reservoir of gold? We are sufficient unto ourselves." We have created our own gods and we bow down before them. And yet have we? Is there not a reality to the demonism invading these gods? Not long ago, we thought that heathenism had been banished to the frontiers of the world, that all we needed was a few more missionaries and all heathenism would be gone, that enlightenment would substitute for it and that men would no longer believe in the existence of demons. We thought the conceptions of ancient Greece and Rome were something childish, drawn from ignorance and would soon banish, but now we are coming to see that these heathen demons are very real subjects, that they have invaded our lives again and that we Christians must go forth as the early Christians did, not preaching a culture or a civilization, or a way of life, but giving Christ and Him crucified, for western civilization is no longer Christian.

THE KINGDOM OF HELL IS AT HAND

I have said that the kingdom of heaven is drawing to a close and that the kingdom of hell is at hand. We are faced with that interval of tyranny known as the reign of the Man of Sin. We are almost in the age of the beast, when the mark of the beast is becoming quite general. We have seen the persecution of believers rise throughout the whole of the earth. In great sections of the world to name the name of Christ has meant loss of liberty, possessions, franchise and often life itself. Society is saying in our day in answer to the question, "What have we to do with Jesus?"—"nothing." They do not want Jesus. They want their swine, their material things, their power, their sex, their money, their demons. "Jesus, depart from us. Go." And Christ is leaving.

As a result of such a philosophic crisis we have entered a political crisis called World War II and now the statesmen are announcing the possibility of World War III. Have you forgotten what World War I did to economics, when twenty-two million men were left without work? Then men talk about the new age coming. But the new age following this war will be one of famine, of pestilence, unemployment and of crisis that will outstrip that following World War I many times. We are now in the century of war and we shall suffer the consequence thereof. We have seen what is called the emergence of the east, or the coming of the kings of the rising of the sun. Russia has withstood Germany and is emerging as the great power of Europe and of the peace conference that will come after the war, but do not forget that Russia is Asiatic. Japan has emerged partially victor in the far east. The western nations have been driven out of the far east. This may not be permanent, but note that the western nations have now begun to equip India, China and the hordes of the east for war. There are concentrated in Asia at least two-thirds of the peoples of the globe and when these peoples are prepared for war you will see the emergence of the kings of the rising sun and future trouble will come from these. Yes, the physical war is the outgrowth of our clash of ideologies. It is what the Germans call, "Der Krieg Der Weltenschauungen." The crisis is on.

We are witnessing the crisis morally. A wave of licentiousness swept the world in the post-war age and is now having such a rage in America that many people are alarmed. What Russia did under the Bolsheviks in the twenties, what Germany did in the thirties and what Japan practiced with her Geisha girls has now been introduced into American life on a scale never before known. Joined with this is the elevation of Bacchus to a new position of god. Liquor has always been man's enemy, but now it is exalted to a new place of importance. Forty per cent of the American population indulges in alcoholic beverages. It is the purpose of large scale liquor interests to make alcoholics out of the masses of young men going into the armed services of the nation. A rising tide of indignation is expressing itself all over this nation against such practices. Dishonesty in the life of individual people as never before has been brought to the surface by national rationing. Rationing did not make a nation of liars out of our people. We were liars before we rationed or we would not have lied under the system.

THE CHALLENGE TO CHRISTIANITY

We have a "now or never" urgency in this matter. The time to strike is here. The iron is hot. The door is open. The need is great.

We have a need of new life from Christ in our nation. That need first of all is intellectual. Unless the Church can produce some thinkers who will lead us in positive channels our spiral of degradation will continue downward. Few, indeed, of the intellectual leaders of this land are taking a positive stand for Christianity today. Similarly, there is a great need in the field of statesmanship. Where are the men in high places of our nation with a knowledge of and regard for the principles of the Word of God? A well intentioned Vice President seems to be the notable exception and his utterances on the subject of religion are far from evangelical Christianity. Contrast such a condition with the congressional record of half a century ago when the great statesmen of American life substantiated their convictions by quotations from the Word of God.

BUSINESS MEN ARE CONSPICUOUS FOR ABSENCE

The need is even more evident in the business world. The business leaders of this nation who at the same time are leaders of evangelical thought are fewer and fewer. There was a day when governors, business leaders, statesmen, professional men would go on evangelistic committees for city-wide campaigns for Billy Sunday, Dwight L. Moody and others, but their names today are conspicuous by their absence. Yet if we ask those business men who are the cultural and economic leaders of the nation whether their fathers were Christian most of them would reply in the affirmative. I say we need a new life in these realms of our national existence if our crisis is to be averted.

There must be a new power in personal life. Unless this message of salvation which we hold to be the cardinal center of our Christian faith really does save individuals from sin, from sinful habits, from dishonesty, impurity and avarice, unless it keeps them in the midst of temptation, what good is it? Christians today are altogether too much like the pagan and heathen world both in actions and in life. Large movements exist in America in which young people and business men are wearing buttons to show that they are Christians. When a man needs a button in his lapel or upon his vest to let some one know that he is a Christian, there is something wrong with his Christianity. Away with the signs announcing that we are believers. Let the glory of God radiate from a Christian countenance and let consistency of Christian action show in deeds and men will not have to ask whether we are Christians or not. They will know it. They do not wear any buttons in Africa, but everybody knows a man who is a Christian. The gulf between what we say and what we do is too great. It must be closed and that gulf can only be spanned by new power in personal life.

I think Franz Spemann in his book, "Carl Heim and the Theology of his Time" hits the matter squarely when he says, "What the evangelic church needs most at the present time and in the future before us is *saints*, great Christians — convinced and filled with the glory of the future world. Not tremendous achievements, or super-theological knowledge is needed, but a burning love for Jesus. We need men with eternity in view — Christ loving men and women."

Only out of such a company of power men — light men — can a new vision grow for the future of America. Our salvation after the war is not a new economic — social order nor a political new deal, but it must grow out of Bible Christianity, with Christ the leader and eternity in view.

Therefore, there must be a resurgence of Christian life or darkness will claim our age. The hour has struck when there is no alternative. We stand at the cross-roads, at the crisis place, at the point of decision. We cannot escape it. Preaching, worship and ethics are only a part of this manifestation of Christ's life. No plan, no theory, no hope may be held for men save in this Divine source, namely, Christ Jesus. It is and must be Christ for this crisis. He alone can bring hope, but who will bring Him to the nation? Here is the cry for evangelical leadership. This is the need of the hour. Christ for the nation by those who know Christ and who have the eternal view.

THE CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP EMERGING

Is such a leadership coming upon the scene? Our fondest hope and devoutest dreams for such a leadership apparently are being realized in the National Association of Evangelicals for United Action, commonly known as United Evangelical Action. The streams of origin of this movement in a hundred different sources are incapable of being traced in an hour like this, but as the sources of a great river may be found in little springs coming forth under rocks, little brooks flowing down mountain sides, little creeks ending in rivulets and rivulets in rivers, and rivers in the mighty streams, until they reach the father of waters, so we believe that the numerable sources were contributory to this movement. Ministers meeting in fellowship, mission boards facing problems, individuals feeling isolation, widespread conviction mounting that Christ desires us to be unified that the world may believe, all contributed to the first meeting of the temporary committee.

Out of that meeting with some of the strongest leaders in this nation such as Dr. Edman, Paine, Houghton, Ironside, Fuller, Ayer, Wright and others came the great call for the St. Louis convention signed by one hundred and forty-three leaders of this nation. Then thirteen months ago in April 4-7, 1942, one hundred and seventy-five gathered at the Coronado Hotel in St. Louis to plumb the possibilities of such United Evangelical Action. From the intellectual and devotional heat of those three days of conference, prayer and discussion and planning came the temporary organization of the National Association. Six men were given the responsibility of its leadership. Twenty-five were assigned places of guidance as an Advisory Committee and a program of holding regional conferences was assigned to the Executive Committee in order to inform this nation of the movement which was afoot.

At the present status we have held over forty regional conventions. We have three or four Regional Associations formed with their constitutions, committees and officers and their delegates present at the convention. We have a number of denominations which have sent their officially elected delegates to represent them at this convention. We have many educational institutions, mission boards and individual churches fully represented here. We have completed the work. We believe that the great response has demonstrated that there is an

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romotional Director of e National Association f Evangelicals for nited Action Gives Re- rt of Year's Activities at Opening Session

President, Members of the Executive Committee, Dele- gates, and Friends:

We are here before you to der an account for our wardship for the past year then to retire to the ks, while the officers and cutives to be elected or ointed by this convention e up the duties and tasks ch you assign to them.

lay I first of all testify to joy which I have personal- experienced in working un- the direction of the com- nt and faithful executive mittee which was elected the St. Louis conference fellowship of these ths will always be cher- d in memory as a high ilege and honor. I shall back to my task in New land with a great sense of itude for the friendships h have been formed with stian leaders in all sec- of this country. These dships are my imperish- compensation.

ION OF CONVENTION CHANGE COURSE OF PROTESTANTISM

m sure that, in all our s this morning, there is p feeling of awe as we gether in the first busi- session of this most ficant convention. I say we" because we are con- now, if we were not we accepted the task ed upon us as delegates. we are entering into a -day period of prayerful ltation with each other may be destined to e the course of Protes- m throughout America e world. At least, those were present in the re- ble prayer meetings of vening have been made lize that the Unseen te of Heaven is here s taken charge of the dings.

he St. Louis conference. Temporary Executive ittee was charged with ty and responsibility of known to the entire y the objectives which utlined at that meet- o accomplish this task. nference authorized the of $10,000. Six or seven l conferences to be in widely separated in the United States n suggested as one of ncipal means of in- the Christian leader- the country of the plan ted action. A later, survey revealed the extending these con- into many more lo- because of the difficul- athering leaders from points under present d conditions.

rences were held in New York and Bos- h such remarkable re- that our hearts were encouraged. At the ork conference, the district committees and conferences became apparent. Thereafter, such continuing bodies were organized in most of the areas visited. Altogether, forty-two regional conferences were held, in twenty-six states. These resulted in the organization of thirty-four district committees. In many sections, these committees have rendered yeoman service in promoting and enlarging the interest through other meetings. A deep yearning for fellowship among all believers has been manifested on many occasions in the conferences held. Usually there has been an extended time of prayer. Often in these seasons of confession and intercession the presence of the Lord has been like rain upon the thirsty ground. This, it seems to us, is a prophecy of that which we may expect in greater measure as we move on in the development of the work.

A temporary office was opened in Park Street Church, Boston, but it soon became necessary to increase our office staff and move to larger quarters in a near-by office building, as the Park Street Church lacked the space needed for our expanding operations.

The Executive Committee took the responsibility of increasing the budget from $10,000 to $24,000, in order that the tremendous task of providing information to thousands of churches in America might be more adequately performed. We rejoice in being able to report that every need, financially, has been supplied. Is not this a great evidence of the faithfulness of God and the interest of Christian people throughout the nation, for we had no financial backers nor any scheme for underwriting the expenses. The money came entirely by voluntary gifts from churches and individuals in every section of the country.

While our principal task has been promotional and informative, we have made a beginning in several fields of endeavor where crises were developing which made delay dangerous.

ACTS TO PROTECT EVANGELICALS' RADIO INTERESTS

We attended the National Conference on Education by Radio at Columbus, Ohio, in May, 1942, and raised our protest against certain recommendations which were being discussed for the regulating of religious broadcasting. As a result of our presentation of the evangelical viewpoint, these recommendations have been re-written. If the radio conference now in session at Columbus pass the recommendations as revised by the committee, they will contain no provisions believed to be dangerous to the interests of gospel broadcasters.

We have worked in close cooperation with the National Association of Broadcasters in its fight against the racketeering American Federation of Musicians, to protect the freedom of gospel broadcasting. This union is making a country-wide attempt to exclude all music from the air except that which is played by union musicians. The fight is still on and has been carried to the Congress, where a special committee is engaged in an investigation of the activities of the union. This angle of the radio situation is critical and must be watched carefully so that we may be prepared for adequate defensive action. We believe the voice of a united church should be raised against all interference on the part of the union with religious broadcasts.

In conferences with the executives of the various networks we have pointed out that, in the allotment of sustaining time for religious broadcasts, it should be taken into consideration that Protestantism is divided into two sections, with irreconcilable and fundamental differences and that, therefore, these two great sections should be considered separately in the allotment of time. Our point has been conceded by these networks and we have been assured that a fair portion of the available time will be allotted to us whenever we are prepared to accept it. Necessarily this allotment of time will be based on the size and location of our constituency.

A temporary Committee on Missions has been formed, with Dr. T. J. Bach, Secretary of the Scandinavian Alliance, as its chairman. He has called the executives of several mission boards into conference to receive their suggestions as to how we can be helpful to them in the solution of their pressing problems. These discussions will continue in the work-study group on missions at this convention. We should be prepared to act upon the recommendations of this committee without delay.

GENERAL ARNOLD WELCOMES ASSISTANCE

It is becoming apparent that we have before us a great field of usefulness in connection with the war effort. The chaplaincy situation is very involved at the present time. Over three thousand additional Protestant chaplains are needed in the Army alone during the coming year. We believe the government is in a mood to listen to suggestions, and that we may assist in the solution of this grave problem. There is a probability that we may be able to cooperate with the regular chaplains and existing organizations in the extension of evangelistic efforts for the men and women in our country's service. It was my privilege to have a long conference with General Arnold, Chief of the Army Chaplains, and to receive from him the assurance that our assistance would be welcomed by his department.

The need of close contact with governmental agencies in connection with the various war services and also in securing help for the mission boards in matters relating to passports, visas, transmission of funds, and the transportation of personnel would seem to make imperative the early establishment of an office in Washington.

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE INSISTS ON RECOGNITION

Bishop Leslie R. Marston, our second vice president, is also the chairman of the temporary Committee on Education. Meetings of this Committee have been held, with the result that far-reaching, tentative plans have been developed for further study and possible adoption in this convention. When we contemplate the fact that our institutions of higher education are, in so many instances, in the grip of infidel leadership we must realize that a well integrated program in the field of education is one of the great necessities of our times. We must be delivered from the domination of organized modernism which has its tenacles in every phase of educational work if we hope for a revived and spiritually healthful church.

SAYS WEEKLY NEWSPAPER IS ESSENTIAL

During the past months we have issued a monthly newspaper under the name, "United Evangelical Action." Its field thus far has necessarily been limited to the promotion of the movement. We believe that the time has come when action should be taken to make this a national newspaper covering the entire field of religious journalism from an evangelistic standpoint This will, of course, necessitate the employment of personnel qualified to give it standing and nation-wide circulation.

I believe that we are all in agreement that the most important function of United Evangelical Action will be the propagation of the Gospel and personal evangelism. A new generation has grown to maturity since the days of the last sweeping, community - wide revivals. Unquestionably the reason for the decline in church interest and attendance may be attributed, in part, to the lack of an effective evangelism. It will be the duty of this convention to consider the technique of soul saving geared to the needs of the present day. With the new spirit of cooperation among many evangelical groups growing out of this gathering, it should be possible to institute campaigns of totalitarian character and strength which will sweep across our land like mighty showers of spiritual refreshing.

Certainly, to accomplish this we must give ourselves to more adequate preparation and instruction before attempting an invasion of Satan's territory. We must also extend our efforts into every area of life in the communities visited, instead of merely continuing the largely futile attempts to entice the unregenerate into some building to hear a gospel message. Experience has demonstrated that not more than from two to five per cent of the average audience in a revival campaign is made up of non-professors of religion.

We visualize evangelistic campaigns in which hundreds of inert church members will become earnest soul winners and in which the testimonies of re-born men will be carried into every phase of community life: the schools, the service clubs, the hospitals, the jails, the homes of the shut-ins, the shops, the street corners, and the parks, as well as the churches, the radio, and the great auditoriums which may be used for the mass gatherings of the people.

All this will, of course, involve the participation of a considerable party of leaders and speakers which will include spiritual specialists in the problems of pastors, business men, young people, and children. We believe it will be possible to secure the services of our most able spiritual leaders for such meetings without compensation other than the expenses of travel and entertainment, using them in relays throughout the season as the campaigns are carried from point to point across the country.

The foregoing suggestions do not nearly cover the field of our discussions in the various committees and work-study groups which commence this afternoon, but they may provide suggestions which will stimulate our thoughts in the very beginning of these business sessions.

We are fortunate in having present at this convention a number of outstanding business and professional leaders. They are here by special invitation because we are aware that, in the development of such a widespread program of evangelism as is contemplated, their counsel and participation is essential. They will meet at various times during these days as a group to prayerfully consider how they may be most helpful in a great advance movement for the church. A report of their deliberations will be received with great interest.

I am sure we are conscious that we are not here to attempt, by human wisdom and ingenuity, to succeed in bringing about effective cooperation among evangelicals where others have failed. If there is to be any measure of success it must be through a

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tunity before evangelical Christianity in this nation never before known. We turn that opportunity over to you. What you do with this movement will enter into history. God grant that you may have wisdom to use it well.

The present potential of this United Evangelical Action is unpredictable in its greatness. It is an instrument now in our hands for the bringing to pass of a new era in Christian achievement and a means to meet the need of this crisis hour in our nation and the world. Great men in intellect, spirit and influence are connected with this movement. There is no reason why it should not become the spear head for the invasion of the Christian consciousness of this nation as to our responsibility and our revivalistic opportunity. Nothing in the nature of attack can hinder this movement, if God is in it. Other organizations which have been living in the eddies of the central stream of Christianity or have been organized in the back wash of this particular movement can have nothing to do with its future. As I read of their attacks, I think of the old Spanish proverb so appropriate at this time, "The dogs bark, but the caravan moves on."

ARE ABOUT TO CRYSTALLIZE COURSE OF ACTION

You are about to go now into your work-study groups You are about to forge out on the anvil of discussion the policies of this movement. You are about to crystalize its constitution and its future course of action. You have here the privilege of forming a policy on evangelism which would be able to create congresses over this nation comparable to the Eucharistic Congresses of Romanism and containing the dynamic of the great spirit of the evangelical revival.

You can plan here for a crusade for chaplains under a true Biblical emphasis which will provide the needed spiritual leadership for our armed forces. You may provide the means of challenge for the church of this day to prepare an army of young men and women for new missionary effort to be launched on a larger scale than ever before as the door is opened to a broken, wounded and bleeding world following this war. You must not forget that the supreme task of the church is to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ to the heathen. This is the lost vision, but it must be reclaimed and you are the ones to reclaim it.

MUST PLAN A PROGRAM OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

You must give unto us a plan and program of Christian schools and Christian education which will provide the needed leadership in other realms of social life in the generations to come. You must absolutely insist upon the continued separation of the Church and the State. By reviewing the real violations of this in days which are just past, forge a statement of guidance which can direct the activities of this movement so as to guard our precious heritage. You may now so unify evangelical Christianity in large numbers so that the broadcasting companies of this nation will grant to our evangelical gospel message weekly broadcasts on all the major chains reaching the masses of the people of this nation for Christ.

Finally, my brethren, you are the men chosen of God to restore the foundations and rebuild the breaches of individual religious life caused by the resurgence of heathendom. Only thereby can the foundations of democracy be made safe. Our first line of defense is not in Tunisia nor Guadalcanal nor Burma nor the Aleutians. Our first line of defense consists of righteousness in the individual soul.

FOUR GOALS WE MUST ATTAIN

God give you wisdom. God give you a new anointing. God give you consecration, a sense of soberness and a determination to see this task through. We summon you to a breadth of vision, to a tolerance of spirit, to a love of your brethren and above all to a determination to bring all evangelical interdenominational organizations into this great movement. God has providentially prepared organizations in the realm of Christian education such as the E. T. T. A., in the realm of evangelism such as the Christ for America crusade, in the student world such as the Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship, among organizations of business men such as The Laymen's Crusade and The Gideons, in the pioneer mission fields such as The Conference of Faith Missions, all of which should be closely identified with the National Association of Evangelicals for United Action. Let this be a movement of God and as a movement let it unite our evangelical forces. Let not the children of this world such as The Federal Council of Churches and its affiliates be wiser than the children of light.

SACRIFICE IS NEEDED

For Christ some of us must be ready to sacrifice our positions, our substance and our life, in order that we may preserve America spiritually, as the youth of this nation are willing to sacrifice their positions, substance and life to preserve the nation physically intact. I believe that leadership is coming. I believe it is vested in United Evangelical Action. I believe that this movement is the only hopeful sign on the horizon of Christian history today. If we who are gathered here meet our responsibility this week it may well be that the oblique rays of the sun are not the rusty red of its setting but are the golden rays of its rising for a new era. God bless you, my brethren.

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Rev. C. F. Ferguson, Grand Junction, Colo.; Mr. Howard W. Ferrin, Providence, R. I.; Rev. Thomas S. Field, Hamburg, N. Y.; Rev. Luther P. Fincke, Flushing, N. Y.; Rev. J. Roswell Flower, Springfield, Mo.; Mr. S. Donald Fortson, Augusta, Ga.; Rev. W. P Gillies, Denver, Colo.; Rev Frank Gray, Tacoma, Wn.; Rev. Carlton Helgerson, Woburn, Mass.; Dr. C. L. Howland, Winona Lake, Ind.; Dr. Graham Gilmer, Lynchburg, Va.; Dr. Daniel Iverson, Miami, Fla.; Rev. Paul S. James, Atlanta, Ga.; Rev. H. G. Johnson, Jamestown, N. D.; Rev. Earl S. Kalland, Sayre, Pa.; Dr. LeRoy M. Kopp, Los Angeles, Calif.; Rev. Ernest B. McClellan, Rochester, N. Y.; Rev. Vernon McGee, Pasadena, Calif.; Mr. Gilbert C. Moore, Stoney Brook, L. I. Rev. Robert Munger, Los Angeles, Calif.; Mr. C. H. Musselman, Berne, Ind.; Mr. Bruce Musselman, Cleveland, Ohio; Rev. William Nicholl, Quincy, Mass.; Dr. T. Roland Philips, Baltimore, Md.; Rev. F. Russell Purdy, Asbury Park, N. J.; Dr. Paul S. Rees, Minneapolis, Minn.; Dr. James T. Rider, Boston, Mass.; Dr. Harry Rimmer, Jackson Heights, N. Y.; Mr. George Sanville, Winona Lake, Ind.; Rev. Iver Sellevaag, Portsmouth, N. H.; Rev. A. J. Smith, Tampa, Fla.; Mr. Robert L. Swanson, Flushing, L. I., Y.; Rev. Clyde W. Taylor, Quincy, Mass.; Rev. Glenn V. Tingley, Birmingham, Ala.; Rev. H. G. Vorsheim, Philadelphia, Pa.; Dr. Claude A. Watson, Los Angeles, Calif.; Dr. Walter V. Watson, Buffalo, N. Y.; Rev. Cary J. Weisiger, III, Augusta, Ga.; Dr. Robert J. Wells, Dallas, Texas; Rev. Ernest S. Williams, Springfield, Mo., Mr. C. Stacey Woods, Chicago, Ill.

The Illinois Room at the La Salle Hotel was crowded to capacity with standing room at a premium for the open business session on Tuesday at which the reports of the secretary and treasurer were read and addresses were delivered by Rev. J. Elwin Wright, Promotional Director and Dr. Harold J. Ockenga, President of United Evangelical Action.

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fuller surrender of our hearts and minds to the Spirit of God. We are here gathered to wait upon Him, to hear Him speak, to receive an empowering for our task, to be welded together into an invincible army, and then to move forward against a common enemy that too often has thwarted the church because of her internal strifes and schisms.

On the basis of information which I have gathered during the past year in contact with thousands of readers in every state of the union, I feel justified in stating positively that the great mass of thoughtful and earnest Christians are heartily approving of this movement and of the policies which have been instituted. They are in accord with our determination to work constructively on the great problems which the church faces. They do not approve of a negative approach to the problem of moder 'sm. Nevertheless, they are solidly with us in our effort to place the issues of apostasy before the nation.

I am convinced that the masses of the common people are not hostile to the Gospel. They are, in lamentably large numbers, ignorant of the way of salvation, and even a large proportion of those who profess to be Christians are uninstructed in the vital truths of the Word of God. Such opposition as we face will come from apostate leaders, those blind leaders of the blind who have brought the church to its present low state spiritually.

You are charged with the duty of bringing into existance as an organization this movement which was conceived long ago in the hearts of many leaders and which was brought into temporary form at the St. Louis conference a year ago. But that task, as great and necessary as it is, is of much lesser importance than that supreme thing which I feel sure is in the heart of God — the re-birth in this critical hour of world-wide unity of Spirit in the household of faith.

Organization is good within its limitations, but God is more concerned about the development of the organism, the Body, the Church, of which He is the Head. This gathering will be epochal only if it can bring forth a declaration to the world that we who compose its membership are here and now definitely renouncing the continued fragmentizing of the church of Jesus Christ. We should further declare that, while we reserve the right to differ on many points of doctrine and church polity and while we adhere to our respective groups with unswerving loyalty, we are determined not to let these differences separate us from each other in spirit or in action against our common foe. It should be our particular concern to heal the wounded spirits of many of our brethren in Christ who have been cold-shouldered through the years by a narrow and bigoted leadership. While we should and do admit that important differences exist between the various evangelical bodies, we must have the courage to stand by our own definition of evangelicalism as expressed in our statement of faith. We must be reconciled to continued disagreement on other doctrinal matters upon which we have no prospect of uniformity, but our disagreement must be one of love and consideration and not of strife and contention.

The success of this movement depends upon our ability, in this great convention, to secure the leadership which the importance of the work demands. May God bless us with leaders who are humble in spirit, sacrificial in their devotion to our common cause, filled with the Spirit of God for the task, and who have heavenly wisdom which will make them indeed **statesmen for Christ** in this critical hour.

We may not expect, at once the active cooperation and endorsement of all evangelical leaders. Some will refuse to go with us because of self-interest; it will be difficult to convince others that this is not simply a movement of chronic malcontents or self-seeking ecclesiastical politicos; some will hesitate because they will not be willing to risk their denominational careers in a venture which might turn out badly for their prestige.

We owe much to the courageous spirits of the past decades who have raised their voices against the encroachments of modernism and have kept before the people the gravity of the issues which the church has faced with the rise of apostasy. Without these staunch defenders of the faith we would not be prepared to act now. However, we had better frankly admit that fundamentalists have not always been wisely led. This movement will have to live down the errors in strategy of others in the past. We will continue to meet with defeat in our objectives unless a new strategy under competent leaders is evolved.

Some of us have been slow to realize that not all modernists are hopeless apostates. **May God give to us the ability to discern that we may** save, through our gentle and brotherly kindness dealing with them, some of these who are in a state of confusion.

Modernism is campaigning for the organic union of Protestant bodies. We believe such an attempt will be successfully futile. But here in convention, we are witnessing something of far greater significance — the unification spirit of members of the Body of Christ without due restrictions upon the members. It is the dawn of a new day of understanding, based upon a deep faith in those essential doctrines which are our common heritage. We are testifying to the world, by our coming together in this great gathering that we are united in the essentials of the faith and our determination to stand shoulder to shoulder for world-wide proclamation of the gospel message in this generation.

"We are so thankful for NAEUA, and praying for the Lord's continued blessing on it."—Genevieve Rhodes, Belmore, Md.

"It was with great joy we learned of this new national association and our hearts and prayers are with you."—Mrs. H. G. Ellis, Seattle.

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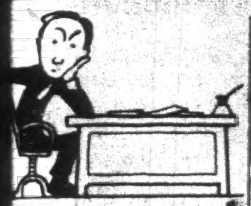

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Robert E. Pottinger,
St. Petersburg, Fla.

"On Monday of this week it was my happy privilege to hear you speak at the Evangelical Regional Conference in Lynchburg. I want you to know that I acquiesce in the evangelical movement and approve of everything you and your associates had to say concerning it. I am sure God will bless the endeavor and crown it with success. This nation must get back to God, otherwise we are doomed. I believe this United Evangelical organization is the means to that end."

Allen G. Roach,
Richmond, Va.

"I know of nothing that I am more enthusiastic about than this. It appealed to me in the very beginning and I took an active part in explaining it to our bishops in council last September. If, as an individual or a church, we can render any assistance, we stand ready to do so."

Zeno C. Tharp,
Sevierville, Tenn.

"The regional Conference held in Seattle was a real blessing to me personally, and I believe of lasting value to the everlasting cause of our Lord Jesus Christ." — **Forrest E. Johnson,** Everett, Wash.

"I consider it a great privilege and honor to be counted in as one of this group. From the very beginning I have been most heartily in sympathy with the ideals and purposes back of this movement and assure you that I will do all in my power to assist." — **Forrest L. Fraser,** Saginaw, Mich.

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BISHOP MARSTON WILL PRESIDE

Bishop Leslie R. Marston is chairman of the Committee on Education and will preside at the Work-Study sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The great interest of Christian educators in the possibility of developing some plan for united action in this important field is evident from the representative group registered for the Constitutional Convention.

EDUCATORS PRESENT

Prof. Harry B. Ansted of Seattle Pacific College, Seattle, Wn.; Dr. Elmer Becker of Huntington College, Huntington, Ind.; Dr. Clarence Bouma of Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Dr. C. W. Butler of Kletzing College, University Park, Iowa; Dr. Lewis Sperry Chafer of Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Tex.; Dr. Wallace L. Emerson, President of Westmont College, Los Angeles, Calif.; Dr. R. A. Forrest of Toccoa Falls Institute, Toccoa Falls, Ga.; Dr. Hegge of St. Olaf's College, Northfield, Minn.; Dr. W. S. Hottel of Denver Bible Institute (Colo.); Dr. Bob Jones, Founder of Bob Jones College, Cleveland, Tenn.; Dr. H. Ellis Lininger of Pike's Peak Seminary, Manitou Springs, Colo.; Dr. Leroy M. Lowell, Spring Arbor Seminary and Junior College (Mich.); Dr. Robert C. McQuilkin of Columbia Bible College (S. C.); Dr. Harold K. Needham of Southern California Bible College, Pasadena, Calif.; Dr. Stephen W. Paine of Houghton College (N. Y.); Dr. W. G. Standley of God's Bible School and College, Cincinnati, Ohio; Dr. B. B. Sutcliffe of Multnomah School of the Bible, Portland, Ore.; Dr. Carey S. Thomas, representing Philadelphia School of the Bible (Pa.); Dr. O. S. Walters of Central College, McPherson, Kans.; Dr. C. H. Watson of Seattle Pacific College; Dr. Whitesell of Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill. (observer); Dr. S. A. Witmer of Ft. Wayne (Ind.) Bible Institute; Dr. Robert Lee Stuart of Taylor University, Upland, Ind.; Dr. W. A. Harden of Wessington Springs College (S. D.); and many others.

CONVENTION PROGRAM

MONDAY, MAY 3

2:30 p.m. Meeting of Chairmen of Denominational Delegations
4:00 p.m. Meeting of Executive Committee
7:30 p.m. Meeting of Advisory Committee and Executive Committee
7:30 p.m. Group Prayer Meetings for all Delegates

TUESDAY, MAY 4

9:30 a.m. Devotional led by Rev. Robert Munger
10:00 a.m. Report of Secretary
10:15 a.m. Report of Treasurer
10:30 a.m. Appointment of Nominating Committee
10:40 a.m. Report of Promotional Director
11:15 a.m. Address of President
11:55 a.m. Report of Nominating Committee
12:30 p.m. Recess for Luncheon
2:00 p.m. The following committees will meet in assigned rooms:
- Constitution
- Statement of Faith
- Membership and Representation
- Publications
- Finance
- Location of Offices
- Public Relations

2:00 p.m. The following Work-Study Groups will meet in assigned rooms for the consideration of various fields of endeavor. Delegates will choose subjects of particular interest to them.
- Evangelism
- Foreign Missions
- Home Missions
- Chaplains and War Services
- Education
- Radio
- Public Relations
- Separation of Church and State

4:00 p.m. Address (Speaker to be announced)
5:00 p.m. Adjournment for Dinner (Dinner meetings of various committees will be announced.)
7:30 p.m. Special Music and Devotional led by Dr. R. L. Decker
8:00 p.m. Committee Reports
8:30 p.m. Address—Dr. John W. Bradbury

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

9:00 a.m. Devotional led by Dr. Paul S. Rees
10:00 a.m. All Committees and Work-Study Groups will continue their sessions
12:30 p.m. Recess for Luncheon
2:00 p.m. Committee Reports
3:00 p.m. Consideration of Constitution
5:00 p.m. Adjournment for Dinner (Denominational Groups will meet for Dinner Conferences)
7:30 p.m. Special Music and Devotional
8:00 p.m. Committee Reports
8:30 p.m. Address—Bishop J. B. Chapman

THURSDAY, MAY 6

9:30 a.m. Devotional led by Dr. Harry A. Ironside
10:00 a.m. Adoption of Constitution and Election of Officers
12:30 p.m. Recess for Luncheon
2:00 p.m. Adoption of Fields of Endeavor and Policy
3:00 p.m. Committee Reports
5:00 p.m. Adjournment for Dinner
6:30 p.m. Banquet
- Installation of Officers and Committees
- Address of President-Elect
- Address—Dr. T. Roland Philips

9:30 p.m. Final Adjournment

FRIDAY, MAY 7

9:30 a.m. Meeting of Executive Committee
Meetings of Various Committees

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2. We believe that, in order to have eternal life, everyone must be "born again" by the Holy Spirit.

3. We believe that salvation is had only through faith in Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

4. We believe in the unity of all true believers in Christ.

5. As to the Lord Jesus Christ, we hold to the following: His virgin birth, the reality of His miracles as recorded in the New Testament, His strong sacrifice for our sins, His bodily resurrection, and His return.

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